PATENT APPLICATION

TED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hidekazu KOJIMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2613

Application No.: 09/423,461

Examiner:

S. An

Filed: November 30, 1999

Docket No.:

104651

For:

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination.

Applicants further request entry and consideration of the attached submission.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 157214 in the amount of \(\sqrt{8770.00} \) as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Further to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, the period for responding to the March 12, 2004 Office Action being extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and Remarks.